POSSIBILITY OF SPLIT OF INDIAN CONTINENT

3267. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent predictions of a Scientist of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology that Indian Sub-Continent is likely to split due to a liner fracture developing all along the Delhi—Haridwar harsil ridge (DHH);

(b) if so, whether any Scientific analysis have been made by Government with regard to the prediction; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Delhi-Haridwar ridge is a well established geological feature, Considerable data have been collected by different organisations/research institutions. These data indicate the possibility of Delhi-Haridwar ridge extending north eastward below the Garhwal Himalaya. Some of the seismic activity noted in the Himalaya may be related to this postulated extension of the ridge. However, the investigations do not suggest any active splitting taking place in the Indian Sub-continent along this sub-surface feature.

TRAINING OF PEOPLE UNDER MEGSAT SCHEME IN THE INSTITUTES OF ORISSA

3268. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of institutions in Orissa which are being engaged by Government to train people under the MEGSAT Scheme and the number of persons trained by each of them so far, yearwise;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to equip at least one such institution having training facility in several fields, in all the (recognised) revenue districts of Orissa; and

(c) what are the facilities available for private institutions for imparting training facilities in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) In Orissa, so far, 2 organisations have been engaged for conducting training programmes under the MEGSAT scheme. Those are : (1) Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (STEDS), Balasore and (2) Regional Engineering College (REC) Rourkela. The break-up of the no. of persons trained is :

Training Organisations	No. of Persons trained in			
	90-91	91-92	92-93	Total
STEDS	160	121	395	676
REC	93	—	—	93
Total	253	121	395	769